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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, be extended for three months until July 29, 2003. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (3) is the fee of \$465 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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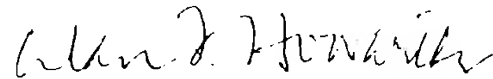
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